



からくり新聞

KARAKURI NEWS #27

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It's getting cold in Odawara. How is your fall season going ?
By the way, a few new faces started working at the Kamei factory from April of this year. Let us introduce you to our newest Karakuri Craftsmen.
They don't seem to like having their pictures taken.



Hideaki Kawashima

Born in Tokyo.

He commutes by bicycle, or sometimes by bus, because he doesn't know how to drive! (Please get your driver's license.)

An expert with Origami, his career has continued for 20 years !
He likes cats. But unfortunately, where ever he goes, he brings rain.

Comment : "I am learning new things everyday.."



Kyoko Hoshino

Born in Tokyo.

Her car broke down as she moved here to Odawara.

Smoke billowed from her car. She says the Hakone mountain pass is terrible ! She did kimono dressmaking for three years, so please ask Ms. Hoshino all about clothes.

Comment : "This is a pleasant job"



Manami Tajima

Born in Kanagawa.

She started working at the Kamei factory in June of 2007.

She is in charge of the office work.

Comment : "I'm sorry that I'm not good at English."

Kamei 

Previously, there weren't any windows in the factory, but luckily, two new windows were installed recently!
We are delighted to have the presence of our cheerful new staff members in our factory.



One day, a break Time
(Iwahara, Kamei, Kawashima, Hoshino)



Exhibition at the Fujiya Hotel

September, 11th

We began cleaning the warehouse in the morning of that day for preparations of the exhibition. Karakuri furniture was the main exhibition. It is hard to carry it out. The craftsmen of the Kamei factory worked hard at physical labor. The sofa, desk, and doors were extremely heavy.

The door was the heaviest of them all !

Some craftsman strained their backs assembling this.

The exhibition was held in the lobby of the Fujiya Hotel. However, the lobby was located on the second floor, up a long staircase. The stairs were made of beautiful, high quality and smooth marble. The Hotel men helped us out, so we were able to bring the works in safely.

On the next day, the young people complained of muscular pains!



A craftsman sighs in front of the doors. We carried them out from that moment.



Assembling the "Frame Door".

Time : Sep, 12th (Fri) - Oct, 13th (Mon)

Place : Lobby in the Fujiya Hotel

Karakuri Furniture ...5

Karakuri Box ...more than 40

*(It was completed)



箱根の秘密箱
箱根地方では、古くは江戸末期より秘密箱というからくりの箱が作られてきました。今日でもこの地方ではその伝統技術・歴史的財産を基礎に創作活動が続けられています。

からくりパズル展
期間：9/12 - 10/13
会場：ロビー

からくり家具やからくり箱の展示をしています。直前に体験型パズルや実際に挑戦されてみてはいかがでしょうか？

「かささぎのドア」
「デスク」

ひっかけ箱
お部屋置きながらからくり箱は開けられたでしょうか？とても単純な仕組みです。頭を柔らかくしてください。(各入場券の案内に詳しくあります。)

問合せ先：小田原・箱根「からくりパズル」を企画する会 TEL 0465-32-3631
<http://www.karakuri.jp/creation/indexv.htm>

Exhibition Photos



The hotel lobby had a very nice atmosphere. All of the visitors seemed very pleased with the exhibition. We were glad that we could show the Karakuri doors this time.

A break time on that day. Iwahara's exercise



Odawara & Hakone wooden goods fair 2008

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October, 24th(Fri) - 26th(Sun) 10:00 - 17:00 *(It was completed)

Place : Odawara arena (Kanagawa)

Sponsorship : Odawara & Hakone wooden goods fair 2008 executive committees

"All Japan Wooden Crafts Competition" The exhibition of the winning work

Noted product woodwork 50 shop is established. (Marquetry ware, Secret Boxes, Interlocking Boxes and so on.) We are going to give a demonstration and exhibit karakuri boxes.